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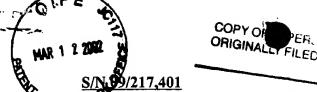
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Applicants have reviewed the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2001 and the references cited therewith.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2001, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 18, 19 and 20-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. (U.S. 4,620,761) in view of Li et al. (U.S. 6,264,476). Claims 6 and 9-11 were also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith et al. and Li et al., and further in view of Stopper an (U.S. 5,719,749). Claims 12-14 and 17 were also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Allen et al. (U.S. 4,705,205) in view of Li et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses all these rejections. All of the rejections explicitly employ the Li reference to show features of the claims that the Office action admits are not found in the remaining cited art. The effective date of the Li reference appears to be December 9, 1999. The filing date of the present Application is December 21, 1998, almost a year earlier than the effective date of the Li reference. Accordingly, the Li patent is prima facie not prior art with respect to the Application, and the rejections must fail.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully urge that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney (612-373-6971) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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